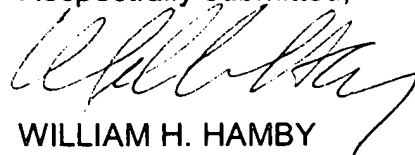


In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

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Page 14, line 11, change "formula [2]" to formula (2) as follows:

Examples 5 - 11

Unreinforced Nylon 6 ZYTEL pellets (available from E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Co.) were dried under vacuum at 120°C, for more than 8 hours, then mixed with a mixture of **black** metal azo complex dye A (represented by formula ~~[[2]]~~ (2)) with **yellow** metal azo complex dye E represented by the formula [4] in amounts set forth in Table 2 in a stainless tumble mixer with stirring for one hour. The mixture was then injection molded to form the injection molded test specimens (whose sizes are 48 mm x 86mm x 3 mm) using K50-C produced by Kawaguchi Steel K.K. and the cylinder temperature was set to 250°C. Mold temperature was 60°C. Good and uniformly black appearance and surface gloss without color shading of the specimens were observed. Transmission properties, appearance and surface gloss were measured by the following test procedures:

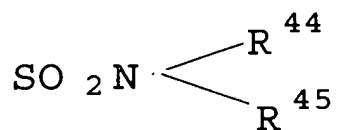
IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A composition suitable for laser welding comprising a thermoplastic resin and a 1:2 [type] metallic azo complex dye being transparent for the near-infrared spectrum of a laser beam applied in said laser welding having a main wavelength from 800 nm to 1200 nm.

2. (Amended) A thermoplastic resin composition for laser welding comprising
- 1) at least one thermoplastic resin; and,
 - 2) a black colorant having at least one of **1:2 metallic azo [the metal azo]** complex dyes of the following formulas, said 1:2 metallic azo complex dye **being transparent for the near-infrared spectrum of a laser beam applied in said laser welding having a main wavelength from 800 nm to 1200 nm:**

The formula [I]

Wherein R^{39}, R^{41} , which may be the same or different, are Cl,



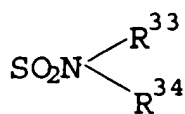
,or $\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{43}, \text{R}^{44}, \text{R}^{45}$, which may be the same or different, are independently hydrogen atom, **linear [liner]** or branched C1-C4alkyl, R^{43} is linear or branched C1-C4 alkyl, $\text{R}^{40}, \text{R}^{42}$, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen, liner or branched C1-C18 alkyl group, **linear [liner]** or branched C2-C18alkenyl group, sulfonamide group, carboxyl group, mesyl group, hydroxyl group, C1-C18 alkoxy group, acethylamino group, benzoylamino group, a halogen atom or $-\text{CONH}-\text{R}^{46}$, R^{46} is functional group selected from unsubstituted or substituted **linear [liner]** or branched C1-C18 alkyl or unsubstituted substituted C6-C18 aryl group, L_1 and L_2 are independently O or COO , $(\text{E})^+$ are H^+ ; cation of alkali metal, ammonium ion, cations of organic amine including aliphatic primary, secondary and ternary amines, quaternary ammonium ion.

, K^3 is an integer, m^3 is 0,1 or 2,

M^1 is a kind of metals[, preferably metals] having coordination numbers of from 2 to 4
[, more preferably trivalent metal such as Cr, Fe, Cu];

The formula [II]

wherein R^{30} and R^{31} , which may be the same or different, are Cl,



SO_2R^{32} , or H,

R^{33} and R^{34} , which may be the same or different, are independently hydrogen atom, linear or branched C1-C4 alkyl,

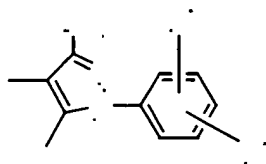
R^{32} is linear or branched C1-C4 alkyl, L_3 and L_4 are independently O or COO,

(D)⁺ is hydrogen ion, cation of alkali metals, ammonium ion, cations of organic amine including aliphatic primary, secondary and tertiary amines, quaternary ammonium ion,

K^2 is an integer, m^2 is 0, 1 or 2,

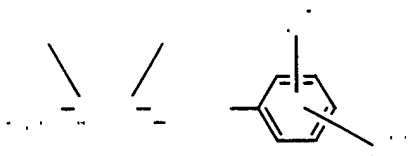
M^2 is metals of atomic numbers of from 2 to 4 [such as Zn, Sr, Cr, Al, Ti, Fe, Zr, Ni, Co, Mn, B, Si and Sn, preferably metal of atomic numbers of 3 such as Cr, Co, Cu, Ni, Al],

B is represented by formula



-----[III]

or



-----[IV]

wherein R^{35} and R^{37} , which may be the same or different, are Cl,

